



## **Application for a Gender Recognition Certificate (Overseas Legal Recognition Application)**

Gender Recognition Act 2004

This form should only be used by applicants for a Gender Recognition Certificate who are applying on the basis that they have changed their legal gender under the law of an approved country or territory. Guidance on what constitutes legal recognition can be found on the GRP website.

A list of the approved countries or territories is available on our website and from the Gender Recognition Panel (GRP) administrative team. You should check the list to see whether you are eligible to use this application process. If your acquired gender HAS NOT been formally recognised under the law of a country or territory that appears on the list, you should not use this form to apply for a Gender Recognition Certificate you should use the form 'Standard Application for a Gender Recognition Certificate'.

Before you start, please read the document 'The General Guide for All Users' (The General Guide) which explains the gender recognition process.

Please note that both the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013 and the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014 introduced significant changes into the gender recognition process, particularly for those who are married or in a civil partnership. The General Guide will explain the terms protected marriage and protected civil partnership and the options open to you.

Before completing the form, we recommend that you should read the document 'The General Guide' so that you are aware of the consequences of applying for a Gender Recognition Certificate and the options open to you, particularly if you are married or in a civil partnership.

The Guidance Notes (see 'Guidance on Completing the Application Form for a Gender Recognition Certificate – Overseas Legal Recognition Application') should answer most of the questions you may have. We recommend that you read the Guidance Notes before completing each section of the form. If you do find it difficult to complete on your own, you could ask a friend or someone from a support organisation to help you, or you can telephone the GRP administrative team on 0300 123 4503.

You must complete sections **1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11** and EITHER section **3** or section **4**, which ever applies to you and sections **7** or **8** if you are married or in a civil partnership.

Please use black ink when completing this form.

The information in this publication is available in alternative formats on request.

Please contact the GRP administrative team on 0300 123 4503 or

[grpenquiries@hmcts.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:grpenquiries@hmcts.gsi.gov.uk)

## 1. Your contact details

The names and title that you provide below will be used in all correspondence relating to your application.

- 1.1** Preferred Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss, Dr, etc.)

- 1.2** Full name you would like us to use when contacting you

- 1.3** Postal address  
(for all written correspondence)

Postcode

- 1.4** If we have any questions, how would you like us to contact you?

☐ Post

☐ Telephone

☐ Email

- 1.5** If you would like to be contacted by telephone please give us a daytime telephone number and times you will be available on this number.

Telephone

Times/days available

- 1.6** If you would like us to contact you by email please give us your email address

Please remember that email cannot be guaranteed as secure.

- 1.7** If possible, please list any dates when you know you will be unavailable for any periods of more than a week over the next six months

## 2. Your personal details

**A. The names and title you provided at 1.2 will be used in all future correspondence. Please read the guidance carefully before filling in this section.**

- 2.1** Surname you wish to be recorded on a Gender Recognition Certificate

- 2.2** Forename(s) you wish to be recorded on a Gender Recognition Certificate

**B. In order to protect your privacy, you must supply us with a password. If you telephone the GRP administrative team to enquire about your application we will ask you for this password before we give out any personal information. Before choosing a password, please read the guidance to this section.**

- 2.3** Password (between 6 and 10 letters. Numbers must not be used)

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- 2.4** Why is this significant to you?

**C. You should read the guidance to the sections below before you decide whether to provide your National Insurance number.**

- 2.5** Please enter your National Insurance number here

National Insurance number

letters	numbers				letter
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

- 2.6** If you are granted a full Gender Recognition Certificate do you want the Panel to pass this information to HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If No, and your application is successful you are obliged to pass on this information to HM Revenue & Customs. This will mean sending your Gender Recognition Certificate and National Insurance number to HM Revenue & Customs.

This service only applies to UK tax payers. We are not able to inform the authorities in the Isle of Man or Channel Islands.

### 3. Birth registration information for births registered in the UK

If your birth was registered in the UK you must complete this section. This also applies if you were born to a UK citizen abroad but registered by a Forces registering officer, or with the British Consul or High Commission, or born on board a ship, aeroplane or hovercraft and registered under the Merchant Shipping or Civil Aviation provisions.

**Please note**, if you are adopted we require your adoptive parents' details (as shown on your birth certificate).

**3.1** Your surname as recorded on your birth or adoption certificate

**3.2** Your forename(s) as recorded on your birth or adoption certificate

**3.3** Gender as stated on your birth or adoption certificate

☐ Male/Boy ☐ Female/Girl

**3.4** Date of birth

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**3.5** Place of birth

**3.6** Father's Surname (if listed)

**3.7** Father's forename(s) (if listed)

**3.8** Mother's maiden name

**3.9** Mother's forename(s)

It will help the relevant Registrar General to locate your original birth record if you provide the following information, if it applies to you:

**3.10** Were you adopted in the United Kingdom?

☐ Yes ☐ No

**3.11** Was your birth registered by a Forces registering service, or with a British Consul or High Commission, or under Merchant Shipping or Civil Aviation provisions?

☐ Yes ☐ No

## 4. Birth registration information for births registered outside the UK

If your birth was registered outside the UK you must complete this section. If not please proceed to section 5.

Please provide your original birth certificate or other official confirmation of your date of birth and birth gender and supply the information requested below.

**4.1** Your surname as recorded on your birth or adoption certificate

**4.2** Your forename(s) as recorded on your birth or adoption certificate

**4.3** Gender as stated on your birth or adoption certificate

☐ Male/Boy ☐ Female/Girl

**4.4** Date of birth

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**4.5** Country or territory where your birth is registered

If you are unable to supply certain pieces of information in section 4, above, please use the box below to explain why (continue on additional paper if required and include it on the list of evidence you have supplied in section 10)

## 5. Overseas Recognition

You are applying on the basis of having formally changed gender under the law of a country or territory outside the UK that appears on the Gender Recognition Panel's list of 'approved countries or territories'. You must include documentary evidence of this with your application.

Please complete these boxes:

**5.1** In which country or territory have you been legally recognised in your acquired gender?

**5.2** What was the date of legal recognition?

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You should list in section 10 the documentary evidence that you are providing to prove your statements in 5.1 and 5.2.

## 6. Statutory Declaration

You are required to provide a statutory declaration making several statements about your circumstances and your application. This is to ensure that you meet the statutory criteria for the grant of a Gender Recognition Certificate. We have provided this form for you to use for your statutory declaration. You should use this form and follow the instructions contained in the Guidance Notes.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This statutory declaration is not the same as your 'change of name' statutory declaration.

Once you have filled in your statutory declaration it is necessary to have your signature to the statutory declaration witnessed by a person authorised to administer oaths. Please see the accompanying Guidance Notes for a list of those authorised to administer oaths. Please provide the information about the witness to the statutory declaration in the boxes numbered 6.1 – 6.5 below.

### 6.1 Date of statutory declaration

DD / MM / YYYY

**6.2** Name of the authorised person  
who is the witness to the statutory  
declaration

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### 6.3 Qualification which enables the authorised person to administer the statutory declaration

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#### 6.4 Address of the authorised person

Postcode

**6.5** Daytime contact telephone number of the authorised person

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**Please include the original statutory declaration with your application.**

## Applicant's further information

**6.6** Are you (the applicant) currently married?

☐ Yes      ☐ No

**6.7** Are you (the applicant) currently in a civil partnership?

☐ Yes      ☐ No

6.8 If you have answered Yes, to either question 6.6 or 6.7

☐ I am applying for an interim Gender Recognition Certificate

☐ I am applying for a full Gender Recognition Certificate



## 7. Marriage (please complete this section if you are currently married).

You may apply to the Gender Recognition Panel for a GRC while remaining married if:

- You were married under the law of England and Wales (your marriage is called a 'protected' marriage);
- Your marriage was solemnised in Scotland (your marriage is called a 'Scottish protected marriage');
- You were married under the law of a country or territory outside of the UK (your marriage is called a 'protected' marriage).

Your spouse will need to agree to the marriage continuing after your gender recognition by completing a statutory declaration.

7.1 Is your marriage a protected marriage or a Scottish protected marriage? ☐ Yes ☐ No

7.2. If your marriage is a protected marriage or a Scottish protected marriage do you and your spouse intend to remain married following your gender recognition ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please provide your original marriage certificate or a certified copy.

7.3 Has your spouse made a statutory declaration of consent? ☐ Yes ☐ No

7.4 If you answered Yes to 7.3, is it enclosed with this application? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Once section 7 is completed, please go to section 9.

## Section 8: Civil Partners

(please complete this section if you are currently in a civil partnership)

If your civil partnership is under the law of England and Wales or if it was registered in Scotland, it is possible for both partners to apply for a Gender Recognition Certificate at the same time. If successful you can be granted your full certificates together, without the need to first end your civil partnership in your birth gender.

8.1 Is your civil partnership under the law of England and Wales or was your civil partnership registered in Scotland? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please answer 8.2

8.2 Are both you and your partner applying for gender recognition at the same time? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please provide your original civil partnership certificate or a certified copy.

## 9. Payment

The fee for applying for a Gender Recognition Certificate is outlined in a separate leaflet 'The Explanatory leaflet – A guide for users'.

A combined booklet and application form 'EX160A Court and Tribunal Fees - Do I have to pay them?', informs you if you qualify for a fee remission. You should read both leaflets carefully.

Please remember that you will need to provide evidence if you are applying for a fee remission with your application.

9.1 Are you required to pay a fee of £140? ☐ Yes ☐ No, applying for fee remission (please include your evidence)

### Method of Payment

If you are required to pay a fee for your application, please indicate how you are paying it. If paying by cheque or postal order, you must include this with your application form.

☐ Cheque  
☐ Postal Order  
☐ Debit/Credit card (please see below)

If you would like to pay by Debit/Credit Card then please contact the GRP administrator on 0300 123 4503 within 10 days of receipt of application acknowledgment.

We can only take card payments from you over the telephone.

For security purposes, please have your GRP reference number and password to hand.

## 10. Checklist of documents in support of your application

This checklist will help you and the Gender Recognition Panel ensure that you have included everything that you are required to submit with your application. Please list every piece of evidence that you are including with your application. We will return documentation to you once it has been checked.

Documents	Enclosed
Statutory Declaration (Please note this document will not be returned)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your spouse's statutory declaration, where appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your original birth certificate or a certified copy	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you are currently, married your original marriage certificate or a certified copy	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you are currently in a civil partnership your original civil partnership certificate or a certified copy	<input type="checkbox"/>
A copy of your decree(s) dissolving the marriage or civil partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>
If your spouse or civil partner has died a copy of their death certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>
A copy of all change of name documents or other documents to show any changes from the name appearing on your birth certificate to your current name	<input type="checkbox"/>

Documents	Enclosed
Evidence that your acquired gender has been recognised under the law of an approved country or territory	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evidence to support application for a fee remission (List documents)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Please list any other letters or documents you have enclosed with your application	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 11. Declarations

If your birth was registered in the UK, to process your application, the Gender Recognition Panel needs to pass your details to the relevant Registrar General. Similarly if your marriage or civil partnership was registered in England and Wales or Scotland and you are applying for gender recognition while remaining married or in a civil partnership, then the Panel will need to pass your details onto the appropriate Registrar General.

If you consent below, the Registrar General will contact you (if your application is successful) to inform you about options for your new birth certificate (and where appropriate a new marriage or civil partnership certificate).

I consent to the Registrar General contacting me in relation to the issue of a new birth/marriage/civil partnership certificate, as appropriate.

I certify that all the information given in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that to make a false application is an offence.

Signature of applicant

Date

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**When you have signed and dated the form, it should be sent, with all supporting documentation to:**

GRP  
PO Box 9300  
Leicester  
LE1 8DJ

You are strongly advised to send your application by registered post.

Section 22 of the Gender Recognition Act 2004 protects the information on your application form and information about your gender history if your application is successful. The data you provide will only be processed as permitted by the Act. It will be processed primarily for the purpose of determining your application (and any related legal proceedings) and for maintaining the Gender Recognition Register. The Guidance Notes to this application form and Explanatory Leaflet contain more information about how your data may be processed. Information about you will not be disclosed except where permitted by law, or where you have consented to it.

The Ministry of Justice is the Data Controller for the Gender Recognition Secretariat and Panel for the purposes of the Data Protection Act 1998. If you want to know more about what information we have about you, or the way we use your information, you can find details on the MoJ website [www.justice.gov.uk/about/datasharingandprotection.htm](http://www.justice.gov.uk/about/datasharingandprotection.htm)